



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

## Rhode Island General Aviation Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, general aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation is vital to many non-aviation businesses in Rhode Island, which use the system to move personnel, equipment and products; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation plays a vital role in the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 7 airports in the state, 5 of which are general aviation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a report released by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation in 2006, Rhode Island airports supported 14,167 jobs in the state, and Rhode Island's general aviation airports supported over 1,461 of those jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island is home to 3 charter flight companies, 9 repair stations, and 1 flight school operating 11 aircraft and providing 15 jobs, and there are 6 fixed-based operators in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, general aviation in Rhode Island contributes approximately \$465 million, or \$460 per capita, to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations like the Rhode Island Pilot's Association, Westerly Airport Association, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Rhode Island and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities in Rhode Island depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state; and

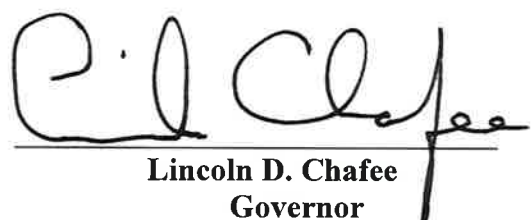
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim August, 2012 as Rhode Island General Aviation Appreciation Month in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



  
A. Ralph Mollis

Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island and  
Providence Plantations,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor